

Troopers Arrest Laurel Man on Drug Charges After Juvenile Overdose-Laurel

Laurel- The Delaware State Police have arrested 31-year-old **Gilbert M. Dickerson** on drug and related charges after a juvenile accidentally overdosed on heroin.

The investigation began on October 28, 2019 at approximately 9:12 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to a residence located in the 2700 block of Pot of Gold Circle, Rainbow, Trailer Park, Millsboro, in reference to an 11-year old victim in cardiac arrest. Upon arrival, Troopers located several small bags, containing heroin in the victim's pocket. In total, 30 small bags of heroin were collected from the scene. The victim was transported to the AI DuPont Children's Hospital.

Further investigation revealed that the victim had obtained the heroin on October 28, 2019 from a friend at Laurel Elementary School. It was learned that the friend was driven to school by their stepmother,—in a vehicle owned by their father, Gilbert Dickerson. During the ride to school, the friend located an Altoids container, in which unknown to their knowledge concealed heroin. Once in school, the friend opened the container, unknowing it contained heroin and proceeded to give the substance to the victim. Laurel Elementary personnel were not aware that this exchange had occurred on their school's property. Once Laurel Elementary School was notified by Law Enforcement, the school's administration cooperated fully and helped insure that this event was an isolated incident.

On October, 30, 2019, members of the Sussex Drug Unit (SDU), Sussex Governor's Task Force (GTF), and the Laurel Police

Department responded to Dickerson's residence in Little Creek Apartments, Laurel and conducted a search. During the course of the search, approximately 65 bags (.455 grams) of heroin were located. Also present in the residence at this time were 3 juvenile children, ages 13, 12, and 6.

Dickerson was taken into custody without incident and transported back to Troop 4 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance
- Reckless Endanger First Degree (2 counts)
- Unlawfully Dealing With a Child Permits <18 to Remain in Place Where Dangerous Drug Activity (3 counts)

Dickerson was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and released on \$10,500.00 unsecured bond.

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